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8 February 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Administration
THROUGH: Chief, Technical Intelligence Division
SUBJECT: Publication of Book on Ground Photography

Present Status

1. On 17 May 1961 a contract was let to [] to write a book which eventually was titled "Collection and Field Memorization Techniques for Ground Photography" (see enclosed abstract). The total cost of the contract was []. The book has been completed and is now at [] where a proof copy is being prepared under the direction of [] extension []. The proof copy will be completed on or about 1 April 1963.

Background Data

1. Prior to letting the contract to [] there was a requirement levied on NPIC by OTN, for lectures to Case Officers and others, on the taking and metrical exploitation of photography obtained with a hand held camera. The persons who did the lecturing were Messrs. [] (no longer with NPIC), and []. It became obvious from the onset that we were imparting information that Case Officers, etc., were completely unaware of, i.e. that there are field techniques and procedures that would materially aid the exploitation of the photography that they, the Case Officers, were responsible for collecting.

2. It became the intent then, of [] to write a book wherein the pertinent information as presented in the lectures could be distributed to those responsible for the collection of photography and/or their instructors. Though some effort was made to develop such a book the attempt bogged-down because of other, more pressing, responsibilities. At this time, i.e. March 1961 an unsolicited proposal from [] was submitted to FDS/NPIC for a manual on photogrammetry. The proposal as submitted was not accepted, however, it was decided to take advantage of this opportunity and negotiate a contract for a book that would meet the NPIC's immediate requirements.

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Action Required

1. If possible it is recommended that the book be distributed to the following:

a. Offices within the CIA, [redacted]

b. State Department

c. D.I.A., i.e. Military Attaches

d. Photo-Interpretation Centers

e. Military Schools in Photo-Interpretation and Photogrammetry.

f. Others that collect collateral data

g. Other government agencies

Since the book is not classified there is the possibility that universities may eventually desire copies, although the original intent was to keep it within the government.

2. According to [redacted] Chief/ID/OCR, the first run should easily total 1,000 copies. The cost of publishing 1,000 copies according to [redacted] would be less than [redacted] stated that a member of the J.C.S. Joint Working Group on Ground Intelligence Photography wanted 200 copies. What he would do with them is unknown.

3. It was the naive intent of those monitoring the contract that [redacted] would publish the book and OCR would determine the distribution and do the actual distribution, however the following must be determined:

a. Who will publish the book?

b. To whom will the book be attributed?

c. Who will distribute the book?

d. To whom will the book be distributed and how many copies?

e. Ramifications stemming from the above.

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4. Persons that can be contacted to answer questions concerning the book on tote are [redacted] (technical aspects), [redacted] (publishing), and [redacted] (finances). Persons who are aware of the book outside NPIC are [redacted] (cited), and [redacted] of Security (Headquarters). Incidentally [redacted] is interested in the outcome of your efforts since it is believed that you will be establishing a precedence for NPIC.

[redacted]
Chief, Technical Analysis Branch
Technical Intelligence Division

Attachment:
Abstract

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